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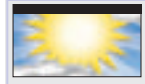

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NXNE tune-up

Alun Piggins and Jay Santiago perform yesterday for passengers arriving at Pearson International Airport. Musicians have been greeting guests all week as part of the North By Northeast Music And Film Festival & Conference, which takes place across the city this week. Story, page 26.

Feeling the crunch

Higher gas prices affecting lifestyle

Dear Lord, please grant us lower gas prices.

That's the silent prayer being offered at the Peace Lutheran Church in Mississauga, where Pastor Svante Olson speculates that high gas prices are affecting Sunday turnout. Over the last few weeks, attendance has been hitting all-time lows.

> «*It's incredibly difficult. But with the gas the way it is — and we're getting wind it could be $1.50 by late summer — we had to.*»
> Sarah Singh, Toronto Ride director

"We were averaging about 46 in attendance; (now) with this scam of gas prices, we've been in the mid-30s," Svante said. "And it's certainly not my preaching."

From churches and charities to your pizza delivery guy, everyone is feeling the gas and oil crunch as prices continue to clamber toward $1.40 a litre.

On Friday, the Toronto Ride program, which transports elderly clients to medical appointments, voted to increase fees for the first time in four years, says the group's director Sarah Singh.

"It's incredibly difficult. But with the gas the way it is — and we're getting wind it could be $1.50 by late summer — we had to, " she said.

The committee voted to increase fees by 20 per cent in the near future. Right now, a five-kilometre ride costs about $4.50 and a 10-kilometre ride is about $7.50.

Meals on Wheels is another organization affected by the rising price of gas. In B.C., the Victoria Meals on Wheels announced last week that after 35 years — thanks to gas prices — it was closing down for good.

Here in the GTA, things aren't quite as bad, but they may soon be heading in that general direction.

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Judge sets precedent with Bernardo ruling

A judge has ruled the public can watch Paul Bernardo's evasive jailhouse interview with police right from their own TV and computer screens as the schoolgirl killer denies slaying Elizabeth Bain.

"It's a good day overall for freedom of expression rights and for the public's ability to know what's going on in our courts ... particularly to make use of websites and the Internet to be able to find out ... what's going on in the criminal cases," media lawyer Iain MacKinnon said after the ruling yesterday.

"It is precedent setting. I'm not aware of any other cases where video or audio (exhibits filed with the court) has been posted on a media website."

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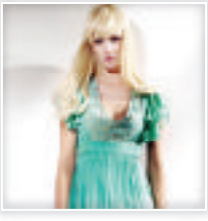

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Toronto 18 mole testifies

Paintball simulated battle situations for group: Witness

They were supposed to be like the "Mujahedeen in Chechnya," so they followed a simple diet of canned tuna and pita bread.

Their paintball games were designed to mimic the "battlefield," so they played games in which they were instructed to kill the non-believers.

And they wanted to show they were "serious," so they made a video that was to be sent to "the leadership of Afghanistan" and to imams in Toronto who were "sympathetic" to their cause.

Those were just some of the activities alleged members of a homegrown terror cell participated in when they attended a so-called terrorist training camp, the Crown's star witness said yesterday when he testified for the first time in open court.

in the words of alleged leader

» "Front Street will definitely be taken care of," Shaikh recalled the alleged leader saying and pointed out the CSIS and CBC offices in Toronto are on that same bustling downtown street. "Two birds with one bomb."

"We weren't there picking daisies, that's for sure," said Mubin Shaikh, a police mole who infiltrated the Toronto 18 and gained the trust of its alleged ringleader.

"There was clear, overt, military context to the training," said Shaikh.

The 32-year-old began his much anticipated testimony in a Brampton court by revealing how he was tasked by authorities to infiltrate the group. It was later busted during a massive police sweep in the summer of 2006 that netted 14 adults and four youths. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Recycling program showing results

Despite the griping over Toronto's new recycling program, the city's director of collection services says early monitoring results show it's a success.

The first 100,000 households to receive the bins recycled 10 per cent more between February and May than they did last year, Robert Orpin said yesterday.

"We're ecstatic. This is what we envisioned with our program.

"We're attributing it to the fact that we made recycling somewhat easier for people with the bins," Orpin said, noting residents can now dump all their recycling into one container, with wheels to make it easier to move and a lid to make it neater.

The first homes assessed are in Scarborough, which began getting the new blue bins in December.

The new program, however, isn't working for a small but growing number of households.

Some 400 homes have been exempted from using the bins, mostly in dense neighbourhoods where it's hard to store them. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

bin orders

» Of the 70 per cent of Scarborough households that have so far placed orders for one of the four sizes of new grey wheeled garbage bins, 40 per cent opted for the smallest, 75 litres. Some 30 per cent ordered the medium bin, 20 per cent the large and 10 per cent the extra large.

Luminato **Street art**

TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Painter Gene Starship prepares Housepaint, one of the 10 canvas houses to be displayed for the Luminato fest at Parliament and Lake Shore Boulevard.

transit

Random delays hit TTC, GO

RUSH HOUR A random series of delays on GO and TTC trains made yesterday's early morning hours anything but rushed for frustrated travellers.

Subways were delayed throughout morning rush hour due partly to jammed signal boxes damaged by humidity. Signal problems on the southbound tracks south of Bloor caused slow movement of those trains. And signal problems on the westbound tracks west of Victoria Park caused similar delays for commuters there.

A medical emergency, in which a woman apparently collapsed on a train near Lawrence station, delayed the Yonge line for about 40 minutes. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Convention, exhibit to celebrate art of tattoos

On the first-ever episode of The Simpsons, Bart appalls his long-suffering mom Marge by getting a tattoo at the mall.

The episode aired Dec. 17, 1989, nearing the end of an era when tattoos could legitimately be said to be shocking. Today, they have become a fashion accessory.

Starting Friday at 2 p.m., aficionados who still swear by skin art will flock to the upscale Toronto Hilton for the Northern Ink Xposure tattoo convention running this weekend, some eager to get tattooed by a roster of celebrity artists famous for inking the likes of Kid Rock.

In tandem with the event, an exhibition of tattoo illustration starting today at the Museum of Canadian Contemporary Art on Queen Street West will bill tattoo as a form of living art. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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» **STABBING** Police are searching for suspects after a 16-year-old boy was stabbed in the stomach yesterday outside Albert Campbell C.I. on Sandhurst Circle, near McCowan Road and Finch Avenue East. The victim is in hospital. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Ex-husband charged

Police rule out suicide in woman's death

After a four-month investigation into the mysterious death of 32-year-old Edyta Lewandowski, police have finally ruled out suicide and charged her ex-husband with her murder.

Donald Sneyd, 48, rested his hands atop interlaced fingers in a College Park courtroom yesterday while waiting to make his first appearance in front of a judge after police charged him with first-degree murder.

Sneyd called 9-1-1 from his home on Feb. 25 to report his former wife and mother of their two-year-old son was slumped against the front door in his foyer — a bullet in her head and a gun by her side.

Since that time, detectives, who have described this investigation as atypical because of the length of time it was taking to sort out, had been interviewing witnesses, poring over the pattern of blood spatter on the walls where Lewandowski died, and waiting for results of extensive forensic tests.

Early yesterday, at police request, Sneyd turned himself in at 55 Division, officers said.

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Livent numbers 'shocked' new VP

It took months for Livent's chief financial officer to work up the courage to disclose the company's longtime accounting fraud to one of its new bosses, and when she did he was "completely shocked," a court heard yesterday.

Maria Messina decided to tell Robert Webster, Livent's recently named executive vice-president, about accounting irregularities in August 1998 when she was asked to prepare a report on construction costs for a Chicago theatre, she testified at the fraud trial of Livent founders Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb.

In previous weeks, Messina testified, she had convinced Drabinsky and Gottlieb to allow her to report the real numbers for the first quarter of 1998. She said she hoped it was enough to quietly put an end to the widespread accounting fraud she had discovered a year ago. "I soon realized that it wasn't," the chartered accountant told prosecutor Alex Hrybinsky yesterday.

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» Drabinsky, 58, and Gottlieb, 64, have pleaded not guilty to two counts of fraud and one of forgery.

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A 13-year-old boy in Kingston, Ont., who punched and broke his family's TV got more than just a tongue-lashing. His mother called police, who arrested the boy and charged him with mischief under $5,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'We have to learn our lessons'

Aboriginals look to life after today's federal apology

Castile Troy will be among the crowd gathered in front of a large screen on Parliament Hill today to witness the federal government apologize for its role in decades of abuse and cultural alienation in Aboriginal residential schools.

But while she joins other Aboriginal women in singing and drumming away the painful past, the executive director of Minwaashin Lodge in downtown Ottawa will also think of the women who show up on her doorstep every day crying for a way out of poverty now.

"They are multiple oppressed, if you want to call it that," Troy said of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis women who seek programs and emergency shelter at Minwaashin Lodge.

So Troy and other staff at Minwaashin Lodge will take today to celebrate and reflect, but tomorrow they return to dealing with the poverty that still plagues Aboriginal communities across Canada.

New Democrat MP Charlie Angus said today's apology is about preventing future horrors.

"(It is) to ensure that this kind of negligence could never be allowed to happen again," Angus said yesterday. "We have to learn our lessons." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RCMP knew about Couillard: Official

The RCMP has acknowledged for the first time that Julie Couillard was known to them before her controversial relationship with Maxime Bernier became front-page news.

But in an appearance before the Commons public security committee yesterday, two senior Mounties carefully danced around stating directly whether they informed the Conservative government of a potential security problem, or whether there's an ongoing police investigation.

The two-hour committee hearing elicited more fresh questions than answers. As such, it did nothing to dampen the biggest scandal to hit Stephen Harper's government since it came to power in January 2006. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'double standard'

» The RCMP said it doesn't do background checks on the families and associates of cabinet ministers — highlighting what an earlier witness called a "double standard" in the security clearance procedure between elected officials and civil servants.

Nova Scotia **That sinking feeling**

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Nick MacIsaac and Evan Broussard, both 14, react to the sinking of their boat, The Billie Jean, in Lake Petpeswick near Gaetz Brook, N.S., yesterday. Sixteen teams composed of 88 Grade 8 students were involved in making corrugated plastic boats. Despite the unfortunate sinking, The Billie Jean won the award for best original design.

weather

Storm flips over rigs on bridge

MONTREAL Powerful winds knocked over seven tractor-trailers on a Montreal bridge as a violent storm swept through parts of the city yesterday.

Quebec provincial police say the big rigs tipped over on the Champlain Bridge, which stretches across the St. Lawrence River to the city's south shore suburbs.

Police spokeswoman Joyce Kemp said one person on the bridge suffered minor injuries.

Environment Canada reported large hailstones, heavy rain and winds of up to 110 km/h during the sudden storm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The projects are the centrepiece of an aid plan that will increase Canada's total assistance to Afghanistan by about $600 million.

The strategy involves the military playing a supporting role in efforts to refurbish one of Kandahar's main irrigation dams, build, repair or expand 50 schools in the province, and vaccinate 350,000 Kandahar children under the age of five from polio.

The announcement is the long-awaited response to a January report that recommended overhauling Canada's work in Afghanistan.

A $50-million, three-year plan to clear silt and repair valves at the Dahla Dam in Arghandab district has actually been in the works for 15 months. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **TASER** A B.C. public inquiry into the use of Tasers has led the provincial government to extend the deadline for the commission's report by five months. Commissioner Thomas Braidwood was originally scheduled to report back to the government on the first phase of the inquiry by June 30, but that deadline has been extended to Nov. 30. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bush targets Iran

U.S. president on farewell tour of Europe

U.S. President George W. Bush claimed progress yesterday in his legacy-shaping drive to stop Iran from developing a nuclear bomb, winning European promises to tighten pressure on Tehran with United Nations sanctions and possibly other new penalties.

Bush, attending the final United States-European Union summit of his presidency, is working against time to secure one of the top foreign priorities of his presidency: Halting Iran's presumed ambition to join the global club of nuclear-armed countries and vastly increase its influence and reach.

"If they end up with a nuclear weapon, the free world is going to say, 'Why didn't we do something about it at the time, before they developed it?'" Bush said at the opening of a weeklong farewell tour of Europe.

"Now is the time for there to be strong diplomacy," the U.S. president said.

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Ex-Austrian hostage awakes from coma

The eldest daughter of a woman imprisoned in a cellar by her father for more than 20 years has been brought out of a medically induced coma. A hospital official said 19-year-old Kerstin Fritzl was awakened from the induced coma several days ago and has since been able to leave the hospital's intensive care unit.

pretrial custody

» On Friday, authorities decided to extend pretrial custody for Fritzl, 73, by another two months.

Kerstin Fritzl is one of seven children whom authorities say Josef Fritzl has confessed to fathering with his captive daughter.

She was taken to hospital in April, unconscious and suffering from an unidentified infection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain **Sub patron**

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Prince William tours HMS Alliance yesterday during his visit to the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport, England. The prince became the patron yesterday of a multimillion-pound appeal to conserve Britain's last remaining World War II submarine, HMS Alliance.

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» **CRASH** A Sudanese jetliner landed in a thunderstorm and veered off the runway late yesterday, bursting into flames and killing dozens of people, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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» **SPAIN** Truckers angry over soaring fuel prices blocked highways across Spain yesterday, disrupting supplies of food, gasoline, auto parts and other goods. One protester was killed when he was run over by a van trying to drive through a picket.

» **MIDEAST** An Israeli air strike killed three Palestinians firing mortars at southern Israel yesterday, while Israel's leaders debated whether to pursue a truce with Gaza's Hamas rulers or launch a broad military offensive against militants in the coastal strip.

» **JAPAN** Tomohiro Kato, who is a suspect in a knifing rampage that left seven dead in Tokyo, was transferred from police custody to a holding cell yesterday at the Tokyo prosecutors office, where he was expected to face further questioning about Sunday's attack. But no charges have been filed yet against Kato.

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Surprise end to rate cuts

Market expected quarter-point drop

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» In April, the Bank of Canada slashed its key rate by half a percentage point for the second time in eight weeks. And governor Mark Carney signalled all spring that further rate reductions were coming.

The threat of stagflation looms larger for Ontarians as an inflation-wary Bank of Canada suddenly backed off its policy of cutting interest rates to simulate the economy.

Central bank governor Mark Carney surprised financial markets by freezing the bank's trend-setting overnight rate at 3 per cent.

Carney expressed new fears that the upsurge in fuel prices caused by $130-dollar-a-barrel crude oil could spur runaway inflation.

For Ontario, which is facing near-recessionary conditions, the bank's stance raised the spectre of stagflation, the combination of hefty consumer price increases and weak economic growth that made life miserable for average Canadians in the 1970s.

Economists had been expecting Carney to lower rates by a quarter point yesterday to boost the economy, which in the first three months of 2008 fell by 0.3 per cent — the worst performance since 2003. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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In Brief

» **AUTOWORKERS** Canadian Auto Workers president Buzz Hargrove says the union was right to reach early labour agreements with North American automakers, despite GM's plan to close its Oshawa truck plant. Analysts have said the CAW could have negotiated more competitive labour agreements, or took pay cuts like the United Auto Workers did in the U.S. But Hargrove said the union wouldn't budge on wages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cottage buyers staying away

Selling conditions more balanced

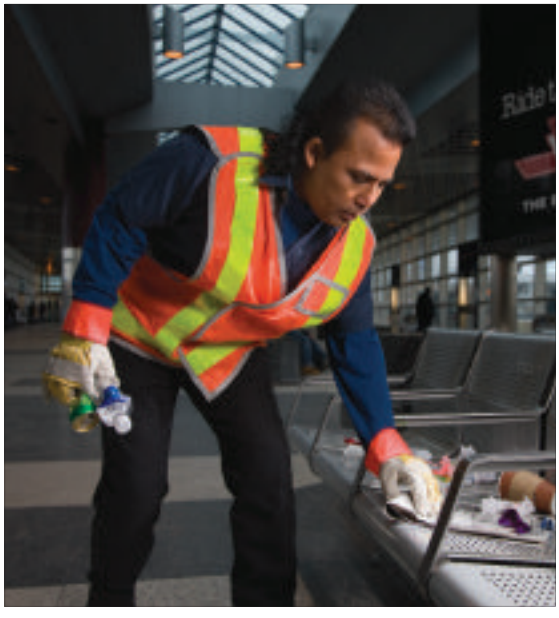
Ontario towns

» Starting prices in popular Ontario towns such as Haliburton, Bancroft and Parry Sound were down from 10 to 20 per cent.

Fewer people are looking at buying a recreational property, resulting in slower sales, an increased number of listings and prices that are only slightly higher or flat compared with a year ago, according to a Re/Max report.

The real estate sales company said yesterday that of the 45 markets surveyed across the country, about 91 per cent were considered to be transitioning away from strong selling conditions to one that's more balanced between buyers and sellers.

Only a handful of markets managed to buck the trend — in Saskatchewan, Salt Spring Island, B.C., and Newfoundland's east coast — mostly because fewer properties were listed in those areas. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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The Los Angeles Kings have fired coach Marc Crawford, left, after two losing seasons. He had one year remaining on his contract. The Kings were 59-84-21 since Crawford was hired in May 2006. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leafs welcome Wilson

New coach faces major challenge to help revive team

FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Maple Leafs head coach Ron Wilson gets his first taste of the Toronto media during his introductory press conference yesterday at the Air Canada Centre.

Ron Wilson has already seen the kind of stress that comes with coaching the Maple Leafs.

He was taking a walk along Santana Row in San Jose, Calif., earlier this year when the struggling Leafs were in town and happened to spot Toronto head coach Paul Maurice across the street.

Even though Wilson was well aware of all the speculation surrounding the team at that time, he was surprised to see the large bags under Maurice's eyes.

"I said, 'Geez Paul, you look like a guy who could use a good hug,'" Wilson recalled. "So I gave him a big hug on the street. He thought I was crazy.

"We talked a little bit and I told him: 'You've got to keep your head high. It's a tough business and you're going to have your ups and downs.'"

It's the kind of advice Wilson might want to write down and save for a later date, especially after officially replacing Maurice as the head coach of the Maple Leafs yesterday.

He's the 20th different man — including interim coaches — to step behind the team's bench since it last won the Stanley Cup in 1967.

Even Wilson acknowledged there is a lot work to be done if the Cup is to return to Toronto during his tenure. The Maple Leafs are in the midst of one of the worst stretches in franchise history, having not qualified for the playoffs since before the NHL lockout started.

"Everybody's talking here like the Leafs have sucked for 41 years or whatever it is," said Wilson. "They came pretty close five, six years ago to winning a Cup.

"You need a break, you need a bounce and you need patience."

Patience has been in short supply for a fanbase that has continually been disappointed by its team. Maurice famously said during training camp last year that the Leafs were ready to compete for the Stanley Cup, only to watch as they fell well short of that goal.

Expectations will be much lower next season when Wilson takes over what is expected to be a fairly inexperienced lineup. During previous stops in Anaheim, Washington and San Jose, Wilson developed a reputation for getting the most out of his young players.

> « *Everybody's talking here like the Leafs have sucked for 41 years or whatever it is. They came pretty close five, six years ago to winning a Cup.* »
>
> *New Leafs coach Ron Wilson*

"I think he's everything we need here in Toronto," said interim GM Cliff Fletcher. "He's one of the top coaches in the league."

Wilson spent the past five years with a Sharks team that became one of the NHL's best under his watch, but couldn't quite get over the top. He was fired after a loss to Dallas in the second round of the playoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ron Wilson — just the facts

» Wilson has a lifetime NHL coaching record of 518-446-127 in 1,091 games. He has a record of 47-48 in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

» He was named the first head coach in Anaheim Ducks' history in 1993.

» He led the Washington Capitals to the Stanley Cup final in his first season as head coach in 1998.

» He took over as head coach of San Jose Sharks from Darryl Sutter on Dec. 4, 2002. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McGowan hurls gem to lift Jays

Wilkerson haunts former teammates

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Blue Jays batter Joe Inglett congratulates teammate Brad Wilkerson as he scores on his solo home run against the Seattle Mariners last night.

Released by the Seattle Mariners almost exactly one month earlier, Brad Wilkerson came back to haunt his former team last night.

Wilkerson ripped a go-ahead solo shot in the fifth inning to give a dealing Dustin McGowan the advantage he needed in leading the Blue Jays to a 3-1 victory.

Vernon Wells, a game-time decision playing on a sore right ankle, also hit a solo shot while Scott Rolen drove in a big insurance run in the sixth as the Blue Jays moved over .500 again with just their third win in 10 games.

It was a sorely needed bounce-back effort after a soul-sucking 3-2, 10-inning loss Monday to the dreadful Mariners, who own the worst record in baseball and have lost eight of their past 10.

The Blue Jays came up empty despite loading the bases with no one out in the 10th in that one, the last of several chances to score they wasted en route to the hard-to-swallow defeat.

McGowan gave up five hits, one earned run and walked two while striking out seven in a complete-game effort that came in a crisply played game of two hours two minutes before a crowd of 36,170.

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» **NHL** Vancouver Canucks forward Trevor Linden has decided to call it a career after 19 seasons in the NHL. Linden, 38, will make the announcement at a news conference today, a source told The Canadian Press.

» **NHL** The Minnesota Wild have acquired defenceman Marc-Andre Bergeron from the Anaheim Ducks for a third-round pick in this year's NHL draft. Bergeron, 27, had nine goals and 10 assists in 55 games last season with Anaheim and the New York Islanders.

» **MLB** The Detroit Tigers optioned starter Dontrelle Willis to Lakeland of the Florida State League yesterday, a day after he matched a career high by giving up eight earned runs on five walks and three hits in 1 2/3 innings against Cleveland.

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Spain reigns after dismantling Russia

Sweden slips past defending champs

EURO 2008

The perennial underachievers looked like champions and last tournament's over-achievers looked pedestrian yesterday at the European Championship.

Spain, which is still looking for its first major international trophy since winning Euro 1964 at home, routed Russia 4-1 in its Group D opener, getting three goals from David Villa and another from Cesc Fabregas.

Surprising Euro 2004 champion Greece, however, failed to produce the same stifling defence that keep it going through the knockout rounds last time, allowing second-half goals from Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Petter Hansson in a 2-0 loss to Sweden in Salzburg.

"The Greeks didn't play with heart like they normally do, and the Swedes pushed us hard," said Greece coach Otto Rehhagel, who will likely need a win against Russia on Saturday to have any hope of reaching the quarter-finals.

Villa gave Spain the lead in Innsbruck in the 20th minute, taking a pass from Fernando Torres and beating goalkeeper Igor Akinfeyev with a right-footed shot. He added another after a slick pass from Andres Iniesta in the 44th, and then completed the hat trick in the 74th after dribbling around Roman Shirokov and again scoring with his right foot.

"Three goals, a hat trick with the national team — it's started well," said Villa, who scored the first hat trick at the European Championship since 2000. "We're off to a good start. But there are still two games to go."

Roman Pavlyuchenko got one back for Russia with a header in the 86th, and Fabregas added Spain's fourth goal in injury time.

Spain, which has won seven straight matches and is riding a 17-game unbeaten streak, opened its second straight Euro campaign with a win over the Russians — the Spanish won 1-0 in Portugal four years ago.

"(Considering) how much possession of the ball we had ... we were caught out by our own mistakes," Russia coach Guus Hiddink said. "I hope we can move fast now because we still have two games to go."

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Spain's David Villa, left, and Fernando Torres celebrate Villa scoring the opening goal against Russia in Group D action yesterday at Euro 2008 in Innsbruck, Austria. Villa finished with a hat trick.

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Sweden's Henrik Larsson and Greece's Sotirios Kyrgiakos battle for the ball yesterday in Salzburg, Austria.

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Cheerleader feels heat after switch

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Players constantly jump from team to team as free agents. But cheerleaders?

Asha Tomlinson, 29, may have started something of a trend, at least in the CFL. A former cheerleader for the Toronto Argonauts, Tomlinson is the newest member of the Edmonton Eskimos' cheerleading squad. Interestingly, she also is a reporter and host for Citytv's Breakfast Television in Edmonton.

A five-foot, 125-pounder, Tomlinson is a Toronto native. She admits she's feeling the same type of heat that players do when they bolt.

"My friends in Toronto have a problem with (her cheering for the Esks)," she said. "They're like, 'What are you doing? Eskimos? Where's your loyalty?' But I'm an Edmontonian now."

Check out Asha at *www.citytv.com/edmonton/personalities_7472.aspx*.

» So some TV station in Britain actually conducted a survey to determine which country in the Euro Cup 2008 competition has the best-looking fans.

Results: Sweden won with 33 per cent, followed by Italy (14 per cent), Spain (eight) and the Netherlands (six). Zilch for Germany, Romania and Turkey.

» New Maple Leafs coach **Ron Wilson** made it clear at his introductory media conference yesterday that his team will be in transition.

Translation: Don't expect the Leafs to make the playoffs in 2008-09 and don't criticize the coach for inheriting a dog of a team.

And why would Wilson mention at the conference that he was born in the same Windsor hospital as **Richard Peddie**? The Leafs' front-office chief isn't exactly Mr. Popular in Toronto these days, is he?

» Big names are swirling in baseball's trade winds.

Power hitters **Magglio Ordonez** and **Adam Dunn** are being dangled by the Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds, respectively. One could join the Boston Red Sox, who may need to replace **David Ortiz** (wrist injury).

Also, **Erik Bedard** can be had and the Seattle Mariners are listening to offers for the Ontario-born pitcher. The Philadelphia Phillies have offered a pack of prospects. The Blue Jays have mild interest.

Don't be surprised, incidentally, if Seattle fires manager **John McLaren** tomorrow.

» **Jerry Buss** has had a rough go lately.

Not only did his Los Angeles Lakers lose the first two games of the NBA championship series to the underdog Boston Celtics, but the owner also was knocked out of the seven-card-stud world championships in Las Vegas.

» The CFL signed three higher-profile players in the off-season. None stuck.

Receiver **Peter Warrick** failed a physical and was cut by the Montreal Alouettes, quarterback **Chris Leak** sprung to the Arena League after signing with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and receiver **David Boston** showed up to the Argos with a fractured foot.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Tiger coy about sore knee

World No. 1 gets set for U.S. Open

The U.S. Open, San Diego style, brought morning fog that clung to the cliffs and spilled over to Torrey Pines Golf Course when Tiger Woods showed up for another nine-hole session yesterday.

The setting could not have been more appropriate.

What once had been such a clear picture of this U.S. Open is now shrouded with uncertainty, starting with the left knee of the No. 1 player in the world. Woods has not played a competitive round since his runner-up finish at the Masters on April 13, having surgery two days later to clean out cartilage.

Woods

"Is it fully recovered?" he said. "Probably not."

Woods played 17½ holes last Wednesday in a cart, then retreated to his club in southern California for more cart golf over the weekend. Then came nine holes at Torrey on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Woods has owned Torrey Pines as much as any other golf course in the world, winning the Buick Invitational for the sixth time in January, by a tournament-record eight shots. In spite of the injury, this record still makes him a favourite this week.

"It's like Big Brown, with a crack (in the hoof)," said Spain's Sergio Garcia. "He was still the favourite."

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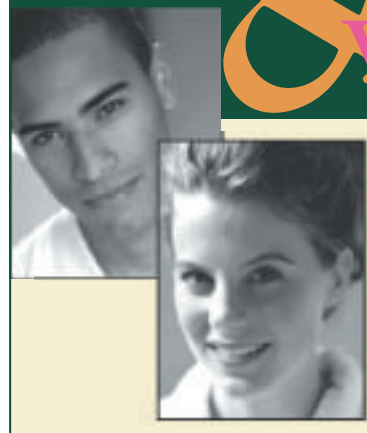

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»sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Detroit Pistons chose not to look far for their next leader. Former Pistons role player and assistant Michael Curry was introduced yesterday as the team's new head coach. The 39-year-old first-time head coach takes over for Flip Saunders, who was fired last week after leading Detroit to losses in the East finals the past three seasons.

» **NBA** Vinny Del Negro has accepted an offer to coach the Chicago Bulls. The team says that general manager John Paxson will introduce Del Negro, who is currently the Phoenix Suns' assistant GM, at a news conference today.

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»sports In Brief

» **TENNIS** Canada's Frank Dancevic dropped his opening match at the Wimbledon tuneup tournament yesterday when he retired from his match against Italy's Simone Bolelli. Dancevic, of Niagara Falls, Ont., stopped playing at 2-2 in the opening set because of a right wrist injury. The 23-year-old received a Wimbledon wild-card entry yesterday. Dancevic will take a couple days off but is expected to be ready to compete at the Grand Slam event.

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Stars coming to Rogers

Federer, Nadal confirm for T.O.

World No. 1 Roger Federer and four-time defending French Open champion Rafael Nadal are among those confirmed for next month's Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament, Tennis Canada announced yesterday.

The top 44 players in the world are expected to attend the tournament, which is considered mandatory as an ATP Masters Series event. Nadal, the 2005 Rogers Cup champion, is coming off a dominant straight-sets win over two-time Rogers champ Federer in Sunday's French Open final.

Nadal

The field will also include defending Rogers Cup champion Novak Djokovic, top-ranked Americans Andy Roddick and James Blake and Russian star Nikolay Davydenko.

"I'm thrilled to have such an outstanding player field confirmed for Toronto," tournament director Karl Hale said yesterday in a release.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

NBA FINALS

BOSTON VS. L.A. LAKERS

Game 3 —Last night
Boston at L.A. Lakers
Game 4 —Tomorrow
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 9
Game 5 —Sunday
*Boston at L.A. Lakers, 9
Game 6 — Tuesday
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 9
Game 7 —Thursday, June 19
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 9
(Boston leads series 2-0)
(* – if necessary)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	40	27	.597	—
Tampa Bay	38	26	.594	½
Baltimore	32	31	.508	6
TORONTO	**34**	**33**	**.507**	**6**
N.Y. Yankees	32	32	.500	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	37	26	.587	-
Minnesota	31	34	.477	7
Cleveland	30	35	.462	8
Detroit	26	37	.413	11
Kansas City	25	39	.391	12½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	39	26	.600	—
Oakland	34	29	.540	4
Texas	32	33	.492	7
Seattle	23	42	.354	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	39	27	.591	—
Florida	35	29	.547	3
Atlanta	32	32	.500	6
N.Y. Mets	30	32	.484	7
Washington	26	40	.394	13

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	40	24	.625	—
St. Louis	39	27	.591	2
Milwaukee	33	30	.524	6½
Houston	32	32	.500	8
Pittsburgh	31	34	.477	9½
Cincinnati	31	35	.470	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	34	30	.531	—
L.A. Dodgers	30	33	.476	3½
San Francisco	29	35	.453	5
San Diego	28	37	.431	6½
Colorado	24	39	.381	9½

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO 3 Seattle 1
Cleveland 1 Minnesota 0
Baltimore 10 Boston 6
Chicago White Sox at Detroit
Texas at Kansas City
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida 5 Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 7 Cincinnati 2
Washington 7 Pittsburgh 6
Arizona at N.Y. Mets
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs
Milwaukee at Houston
San Francisco at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Seattle at **TORONTO**, 12:37
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 3:35
Baltimore at Boston, 7:05
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 7:05
Texas at Kansas City, 8:10
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 10:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:05
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:10
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 8:05
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:05
San Francisco at Colorado, 9:05
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:05

AL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
Bradley Tex	203	44	69	.340
Mauer Min	205	39	67	.327
Damon NYY	236	40	77	.326
HMatsui NYY	220	32	71	.323
JDrew Bos	176	41	56	.318
Hamilton Tex	260	44	82	.315
Ordonez Det	235	36	74	.315
MiYoung Tex	259	49	80	.309
Kinsler Tex	266	54	82	.308
Kotchman LAA	225	27	69	.307

NL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
Clones Atl	219	44	92	.420
Berkman Hou	231	60	86	.372
Pujols StL	219	40	76	.347
BMolina SF	210	24	70	.333
Rowand SF	212	29	69	.325
Theriot ChiC	232	40	75	.323
Holliday Col	187	33	60	.321
Nady Pgh	226	33	72	.319
Utley Pha	247	51	78	.316
Martin LAD	210	30	66	.314

CFL

PRE-SEASON

TOMORROW'S GAMES
TORONTO at Montreal, 7
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 7

FRIDAY'S GAMES
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 9
Edmonton at Calgary, 9

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GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Portugal	1	0	0	2	0	3
Czech Rep.	1	0	0	1	0	3
Switzerland	0	1	0	0	1	0
Turkey	0	1	0	0	2	0

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Germany	1	0	0	2	0	3
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3
Austria	0	1	0	0	1	0
Poland	0	1	0	0	2	0

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Netherlands	1	0	0	3	0	3
France	0	0	1	0	0	1
Romania	0	0	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	1	0	0	3	0

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
Spain	1	0	0	4	1	3
Sweden	1	0	0	2	0	3
Greece	0	1	0	0	2	0
Russia	0	1	0	1	4	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Spain 4 Russia 1
Sweden 2 Greece 0

TODAY'S GAMES
Czech Republic vs. Portugal, 12
Switzerland vs. Turkey, 2:45

TOMORROW'S GAMES
Croatia vs. Germany, 12
Austria vs. Poland, 2:45

MLS

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES FEATURING TORONTO FC:

SATURDAY'S GAME
Colorado at **TORONTO**, 7

LOTTERIES

Ontario Pick 3	1 7 0
Ontario Pick 4	9 5 7 6
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Toyota's perfect combo

Matrix mixes economy, sport and utility

By **B. MCLAUCHLAN**
for Metro Toronto

Matrix blends the affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style and performance of a sports car.

Toyota used an ultra-hip specialty car show when it debuted its new Matrix five-door to instill it with an instant "cool" credibility. That move might have come about because the average buyer of the last Matrix was over 50 … and Toyota wants to skew that demographic more toward the lucrative youth market.

Built in California alongside its Pontiac Vibe mechanical twin — and also in Cambridge, Ont. — the Matrix wagon blends the "affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style, image and performance of a sports car."

Wider and lower, this edgy-looking second-generation Matrix shares its engine lineup with its GM cousin, starting with a fuel-conscious 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine producing 132 horsepower. Toyota, however, uses its own variable valve timing system to maximize engine performance and fuel economy.

For those craving a bit more grunt, the Matrix also offers a 158-hp, 2.4-litre "four."

Pricewise, there's something for every budget, starting at a low-low base price of $15,705 for the base front-wheel-drive model with manual transmission.

Standard is a four-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 sound system with auxiliary input jack, rear-seat heater ducts and side window defoggers, 60/40-split fold-down rear seat, rev counter, outside temp gauge, digital clock, dual vanity mirrors, tilt-telescopic steering wheel, tonneau cover, cargo-area lighting, lots of storage, an engine immobilizer and foldable power-heated side mirrors. A $2,540 B Package adds air conditioning, keyless entry, power windows and locks, rear bumper protector and a tire pressure monitoring system. The $3,965 Touring Package brings the "B" items plus 16-inch alloy wheels, cruise control, a rear spoiler, scuff plates and fog lamps. All of which still allows the Matrix to list at under 20 grand with a five-speed manual. The automatic is an additional $1,010.

Moving up the $19,180 Matrix XR, its bigger 2.4-litre engine offers a significant power boost.

A great decision was to bring back the all-wheel-drive Matrix, equipped with the 2.4 engine and only available with the four-speed automatic at $22,330. It's a base Matrix, plus keyless entry and hatch release, an upgraded lighting system, variable-speed wipers, tire pressure monitoring, power locks and climate control.

An all-wheel-drive XR will set you back $24,945 with the Sport package going for $26,855.

At the top of the range is the $25,220 Matrix XRS. Performance differences over the other models include beefier suspension bits and 18-inch wheels.

Any way you look at it, the Matrix is just about all the vehicle you'll ever need and, with its combination of stylish design, good options and aggressive pricing, it's a lot more versatile, sporty and fun-to-drive than similarly priced small sedans.

2009 Toyota Matrix

- Type: Compact 5-pass. wagon FWD
- Price: $15,705 – $26,855
- Engine: 1.8L L4 DOHC/2.4L L4 DOHC
- HP: 132 @ 6,000 rpm/ 158 @ 6,000 rpm
- Torque: 128 @ 4,400 rpm/162 @ 4,000 rpm

Highlights:

- Lots of choices
- Better looks
- Return of all-wheel-drive availability

Lots of storage, cargo area lighting, tilt-telescopic steering wheel and foldable power-heated side mirrors are some of the features that come standard with the new Toyota Matrix.

Many drive through fatigue: Studies

Drivers often fail to recognize signs of tiredness

As people jam the roads and highways with the start of the peak summer driving season, there's greater risk of being — or running into — a drowsy driver, says the National Road Safety Foundation, Inc., a U.S.-based non-profit group.

A day in the sun can make you tired. Drowsiness is a condition most drivers fail to recognize, and it can be as dangerous as drinking and driving.

Studies show 60 per cent of us have driven while feeling fatigued, and more than a third admit to having fallen asleep at the wheel in the past year.

Drowsiness is a factor in a substantial number of traffic crashes.

If you experience any sign of fatigue, pull over at the next exit or a safe rest area and take a break or a 20-minute nap.

Have a cup or two of coffee or caffeinated snacks and allow 30 minutes for the caffeine to enter your bloodstream. Don't drink alcohol or take medication.

Sleep-induced crashes are often very serious, since the driver does not take evasive or corrective action when losing control of the vehicle.

signs of fatigue

- Difficulty focusing, with frequent blinking.
- Daydreaming or not remembering the last few miles driven.
- Head nodding.
- Repeated yawning or rubbing eyes.
- Drifting out of your lane, tailgating or hitting shoulder rumble strips.

Buzz around crossovers

CUVs edging out SUVs in consumer interest: Report

Ford Escape Hybrid, left, and the upcoming Ford Flex.

The gap in buyer interest between crossover utility vehicles (CUVs) and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) continues to widen, according to a report released by NADAguides.com.

The company, a vehicle pricing and information website, says consumer interest in crossovers increased 14.8 per cent in April 2008 compared to the same period a year ago, while SUV interest was down at almost the same rate of 15.9 per cent during that same timeframe.

"Crossovers" are defined as vehicles that have characteristics of both SUVs and cars.

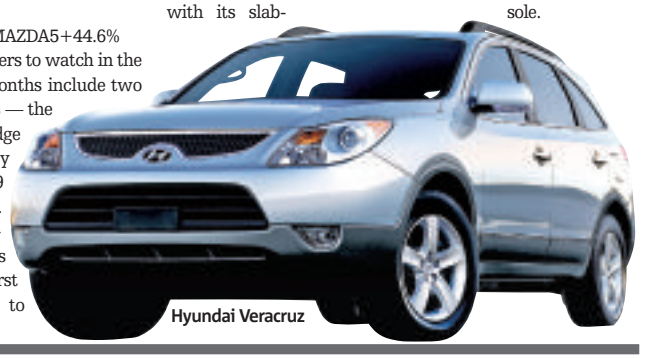
Three out of the top 10 CUVs showing the greatest increase in consumer interest last month compared to April of last year were hybrids, with interest in the Mercury Mariner Hybrid (not sold in Canada) growing 165.3 per cent and interest in the Ford Escape Hybrid and the Toyota Highlander Hybrid increasing 73.8 per cent and 50.9 per cent respectively.

Following is a complete list of the CUVs showing the greatest increase in consumer interest at NADAguides.com in April 2008 compared to April 2007.

» Hyundai Veracruz 343.9%
» Mercury Mariner Hybrid (not sold in Canada) +165.3%
» Buick Enclave+125.0%
» Subaru Forester+115.1%
» Porsche Cayenne +90.4%
» Saturn Vue +83.5%
» Ford Escape Hybrid +73.8%
» Chevrolet HHR+51.5%
» Toyota Highlander Hybrid +50.9%
» Mazda MAZDA5+44.6%

Crossovers to watch in the coming months include two new CUVs — the 2009 Dodge Journey and the '09 Ford Flex. The Journey is Dodge's first crossover to seat up to seven passengers with an optional third row.

It has features such as a rearview camera and built-in booster seats. The Ford Flex, with its slab-sides and unique look, arrives this summer. Available features include all-wheel-drive, a multi-panel Vista Roof and refrigerated second-row console.



Hyundai Veracruz

going green

Scientists develop new plant fuel

RESEARCH Low-pollution cars powered by hydrogen produced from plant sugar could be on the road within 10 years, according to biochemists in the United States. They have developed a process that combines plant sugars with a cocktail of enzymes to produce hydrogen and small amounts of carbon dioxide. The researchers are now working to speed up their process to make it commercially viable.

environment

Automobiles most recycled product

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The new Journey is Dodge's answer to the increasingly popular entry-level "crossover" segment.

Worth the trip

Dodge Journey maps new territory

By B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Toronto

The new Journey is Dodge's answer to the increasingly popular entry-level "crossover" segment. Aimed straight at the Toyota RAV4, Hyundai Santa Fe, Kia Rondo, Mazda5 and others, the Journey gives Dodge a decent shot at respectability in a market sector virtually dominated by Asian nameplates.

The Journey is based on Dodge's proven Avenger platform, although the wheelbase has been stretched 124 mm to accommodate an optional third-row seat. It sits a little higher, too, but the overall length has only grown by 43 mm, meaning a reasonably compact size that's good for congested urban roads. All models get independent suspension and disc brakes on all four wheels.

There are four versions to choose from, all well equipped: The Journey SE CVP (Canada Value Package) at $19,995; Journey SE Plus which starts at $20,995; the $24,995 Journey SXT; and the range-topping R/T model at$27,995.

Both SE models get a 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine while those seeking more punch in the power department will likely go for the 235-hp 3.5-litre V6 found in the SXT and R/T trim.

The only transmissions available are automatics: A four-speed on the SEs and a six-speed for V6-powered models.

Front-drive is standard, although an electronic all-wheel-drive system that can split power up to 60/40 front-to-rear is optional on the SXT and R/T.

The Journey also follows recent Dodge designs inside, with storage bins in the second-row floor wells, under the passenger seat and, of course, the dual glove boxes with the Chill Zone beverage storage. Rear cargo room is generous as well.

The optional third-row seat, unlike many of its competitors, is available across the line as a $1,175 option, bringing with it air conditioning.

Behind the steering wheel, the forward-angled dash gives a better sense of space, while large windows and a fairly low beltline provide plenty of visibility.

Our Journey R/T kept the cabin nicely isolated from most pavement imperfections and only a little wind noise around the windshield pillars made it past the triple-door seals.

It handled well, too, although a bit more steering feel would be welcome. The brakes are solid, if not the most aggressive in their response.

It looks like Dodge might have a legitimate hit on its hands. It may not be as much fun to drive as some in the "crossover" class, but at each of its price points it is better equipped than many of its rivals.

2009 Dodge Journey

- Type: Mid-size 5-pass. CUV FWD
- Price: $19,995 – $27,995
- Engine: 2.4 L4 DOHC/3.5L V6 DOHC
- HP: 173 @ 6,000 rpm/ 235 @ 6,400 rpm
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Models display some of the auto-inspired garments students came up with at a recent fashion show in Chicago.

Car couture on runway

Fashion students take inspiration from hot models

Cutting-edge fashion hit the runway recently in Chicago at the International Academy of Design & Technology's 29th annual student fashion show Imagine 2008, where more than 100 original designs were showcased.

One of this year's most intriguing concepts was to design a garment around an automobile. Students were challenged to take inspiration from a choice of five cars and design for a specific category such as career, sportswear, evening wear and avant-garde.

The competition challenged designers to "think outside the box," using the car's shape, technology, colour and interior as the foundation for their inspiration.

Among the winning entries — a sporty, "armour-like" ensemble emulating the rugged exterior of the Hummer HX Concept; a sleek, one-shoulder cocktail dress reflecting the three-door design of the Saturn Astra; a jacket with a dramatic neckline reminiscent of the distinctive flared fender of the Pontiac G8 GT; a sophisticated suit adapted from the curvaceous lines of the award-winning Chevrolet Malibu; and a glamorous gown combining the classic beauty and powerful edge of the Saab 9-3 Turbo X.

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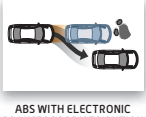

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An Aston Martin model.

Auto giants clash over Bond's ride

A gentlemanly disagreement about whether James Bond prefers Bentleys to Aston Martin has raised eyebrows in the luxury car world.

The tiff comes as the latest James Bond novel, Devil May Care, is published to mark the centenary of author Ian Fleming, who created the debonair spy during the early years of the Cold War.

In the new book, penned by Sebastian Faulks "writing as Ian Fleming," Commander Bond is buzzing about in a two-seat Bentley Continental.

"It's quite nice from a historical perspective, since Bond drove Bentleys in Fleming's books," noted Richard Charlesworth, director of royal and VIP relations at Bentley Motors. "He was brought up at a time when the Bentley brothers were winning a lot of races."

Bentley muscling in on what Aston Martin has long seen as its territory is derided by chief executive Ulrich Bez.

"Who would want to read the book? The film is what made James Bond famous."

In films, Bond "requires the best of British," Bez said. "And that's an Aston Martin."

Peugeot sets new record

No it's not the world's strongest man, tallest woman or heaviest baby. It's the Peugeot 308 HDi 110, which has just secured its place in the 2009 Guinness Book of Records.

The Peugeot 308 HDi 110.

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Exploring Ibiza's quieter side

Infamous Spanish party island also has lots to see

By **TOM MARCHANT**
for Metro World News

Ibiza is a place that always provokes a reaction. For some it's the warm reminiscing of hedonistic summers, for others, it's the shudder at the thought of spending time on an island with rowdy clubbers.

Anyone in the know knows Ibiza is anything but the San Antonio clichés (and even that area is changing for the better). And to those Ibiza veterans who have adopted a been-there-done-that attitude, I would point out that the island is so progressive and contains so many creative residents the idea of it ever being "done" is simply a non-starter.

Ibiza is so much more than just a clubber's paradise. It offers everything from perfect escape time, to some of the best restaurants serving the freshest fish you will ever taste. All of this is mixed with a glamorous bohemian scene where you're just as likely to find yourself lunching al fresco on a table next to Robert De Niro as drinking cold beers at a beach bar with the Arctic Monkeys.

So what to do and how to do it? Here are just a few pointers that include some classic relaxation and some predictable (but oh so worthwhile) hedonistic socializing.

A view of the beach at La Escollera.

Starting with a little bit of relaxation time, head to the Can Talaias hotel in the North East of the island and hang out by the prettiest pool in Ibiza; *hotelcantalaias.com*).

From there, head to the gorgeous beach at Cala Mastella for a swim, before grabbing lunch at El Bigote where you can have a long, leisurely meal — just make sure you reserve though. Royalty has been turned away because they didn't have their name down (no phone, reservations in person).

For those looking for a bit more activity during the days, consider kitesurfing on the southeastern coast near Ibiza Town, at either Es Cavallet or Playa Den Bossa before kayaking round the southern tip to lunch at foodie favourite Sa Caleta, to the east of Cala Jondal.

Above, kite-surfing on Ibiza's southeastern coast. Left, a view of the old town at sunset.

For those searching for a great boho local market, head northeast of Ibiza Town to Las Dalias market on a Saturday morning, *www.lasdalias.es*. For the true Ibiza look, head down to Benirras beach for a visit to Deseo, where insiders go for great leather sandals, cotton dresses and silks from Thailand. For vintage pieces, visit Ganesha, popular with regular visitors including Elle Macpherson and Jade Jagger (14 Montgri, Ibiza Town).

As your perfect day draws to a close, line up the perfect evening.

Start off with dinner at Plaza del Sol, a restaurant within the old city walls with gorgeous views over Ibiza Town (Plaza Del Sol 7). Another favourite is Clos Denis in San Rafael, an island institution (Plaza de Iglesia, San Rafael).

Then it really is all about the night. You'll have heard of the super clubs including Pacha, *www.pacha.com*, and Amnesia, *amnesia-ibiza.com* — go there for Manumission on a Friday night — and while these clubs showcase the brilliant beating soul of the island and are full of weird and wonderful characters, don't forget what else is on offer.

From the trendy DC10, *www.dc10ibiza.com* on a Monday night, to the more low key but equally memorable Underground on a Thursday, *ibizaunderground.com*) these places provide wonderful Ibizan nightlife experiences.

Another cult classic is Space on a Sunday. It's regularly voted the best club in the world and if you haven't been you'll see why when you get there, *www.space-ibiza.es*. A sign to say you truly have arrived in Ibiza is getting an invite to the illegal beach parties that take place on a Saturday on either Playa S'Estanyol or Blue Martin Cala Jondal.

But to fit in all of that nightlife alongside exploring, shopping, relaxing and taking in the island's other attractions — well, something will have to give.

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High-rolling on the high seas

At $55,000 a week, a luxury yacht cruise through British Columbia's Gulf Islands isn't for the fiscally-challenged. The Pacific Yellowfin draws a clientele of high-rollers who don't mind dropping some coin on a pimped-out holiday. Last week, members of Pearl Jam chartered the yacht and explored the islands and inlets that stretch 120 kilometres across the Canadian/U.S. border.

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO TORONTO

The Pacific Yellowfin, which has been through World War II and the Bay of Pigs, now carries high-rolling clientele through British Columbia's Gulf Islands.

A week on this cruise costs more than I make in a year, yet there I was, sipping cocktails on deck like a rock star. The wind in my hair, I embraced first-class living on this two-night, three-day maritime expedition.

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Compared to the gleaming fibreglass speedboats docked at the harbour nearby, the Pacific Yellowfin is understated. She is a classic wooden ship, with a history as diverse as Forrest Gump's. Through the years she's been a World War II coastal freighter, a tuna research vessel and a houseboat that accommodated a hippie commune of flower power. She's travelled clandestinely to search for Che Guevera and was involved in the Bay of Pigs.

Today, the Pacific Yellowfin is owned by Captain Colin Griffinson, an Irishman who renovated and converted it into a luxury charter yacht. A 114-footer that sleeps eight, the Pacific Yellowfin offers gourmet food, specially cooked by an executive chef, day excursions to nearby islands and a lot of toys: Jet Skis, wakeboards, mountain bikes, water-skis, kayaks, water trampolines, air rifles, fishing gear and 49cc motor scooters.

For those who dig boats, a trip to the engine room is yacht porn. Chief engineer Jack Dixon, 71, gave me a tour and ran through the daily mechanics of operating the vessel. He showed me the slow turning engines built in 1939 and the reserve tanks containing 18,000 gallons of diesel. "We could travel to China non-stop," Jack told me in his grisly, sea dog voice.

Instead of making our way to Asia, we anchored at Lyall Harbour, hopped into a smaller motor boat and toured the surrounding inlets. For those who are into wildlife, the Gulf Islands are home to orca whales, harbour seals and Steller sea lions.

I was lucky to see a threesome of sea lions basking their obese slippery bodies on a rocky outcrop. As we approached, the dominant male perked up, waddled around and barked loudly. They were bigger than I'd imagined.

"Don't make eye contact with them" warned the captain. Apparently, if they catch you looking at them, they'll slink into the water and disappear. I observed them sneakily.

With this calibre of animal viewing, it's hard to imagine I was only a 20-minute seaplane flight away from downtown Vancouver. After an indulgent stay, it was pumpkin time. My days of playing Cinderella on the seas were over, and it was time to return to my life as a lowly land-dweller.

Freelance writer Julia Dimon is host of Word Travels, airing on OLN. Contact her at www.thetraveljunkie.ca

julia's tips

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Above, a view of Brighton's celebrated pier. Near right, a sign advertises the day's catch. Far right, eating chips on Brighton Beach.

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Summering on the British seashore

By EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

The British coast isn't necessarily the obvious choice for a summer beach holiday, but its charming towns have got plenty of appeal.

Some offer such quirky seaside traditions as donkey rides on the beach and Punch and Judy puppet shows, while others have seafronts with picturesque coloured beach huts and fish and chip shops, faded high-streets with eccentric junk shops and trashy discos.

Elsewhere, regeneration schemes have brought world class sporting and cultural events. Whether you're looking for kitsch or world class surfing, here's our guide to the best to get you started:

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To find out more about these British seaside towns, visit the following:

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» *visitnewquaycornwall.co.uk*
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» *blackpooltourism.com*

BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

A lively seaside town with award-winning, litter-free golden beaches and clean waters, Bournemouth is also home to several universities so it's full of great student-oriented bars, clubs and eateries. The town is also set to become the UK's leading surfing destination when it becomes home to Europe's first artificial surf reef just in time for this year's October swell.

BEST BEACH: Boscombe, where you can launch yourself towards the artificial reef.

WHERE TO STAY: Urban Beach Hotel, a sophisticated but cozy boutique hotel with a cocktail bar that mixes chic urban styling with a laidback beach-living attitude, *www.urbanbeachhotel.co.uk*.

NEWQUAY, CORNWALL

This Cornish town with long stretches of sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters and excellent swell is home to the UK's most fanatical surfers. Follow the coastline and you'll find dramatic cliffs, smuggler's coves and tiny fishing villages.

As befits a surfing town, it's also known for its party scene, international surf contests and music events throughout the year.

BEST BEACH: Surfers should pose at the sandy Great Western Beach, right at the heart of town.

WHERE TO STAY: The two Reef hotels are run by surfers, for surfers. The lodges offer rooms with sea views and '60s style furnishings, great bars with live music, a surf school, secure board room and even a wetsuit drying room. Award-winningly clean with dirt-cheap prices; visit *www.reefsurflodge.info* for more details.

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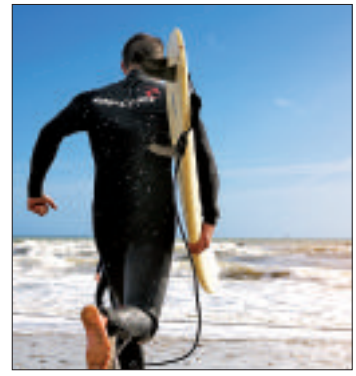

From left, exploring the waterfront in St. Andrews, Scotland; a vew of New Quay, Wales; and hitting the surf at Bournemouth.

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BRIGHTON, EAST SUSSEX

The coolest town on the South coast, this famously bohemian place attracts a young party crowd thanks to its dynamic club, bar and gay scenes.

By day you can browse for clothes and music in the independent boutiques in the historic Lanes area, laze on the pebble beach, stroll through the stunning Georgian squares, or marvel at the eccentric Royal Pavilion, an Indian-style palace built in the early 1800s for the flamboyant King George IV. At night check out the huge choice of restaurants, clubs, pubs, music festivals, and arts events.

BEST BEACH: Brighton Beach, a pebble beach with a fantastic pier.

WHERE TO STAY: Snooze, a fun, unpretentious guesthouse with kitsch interiors and colourful artwork; *www.snoozebrighton.com.*

NEW QUAY, WALES

Actresses Sienna Miller and Keira Knightley fell in love with this pretty Welsh town while they were filming The Edge Of Love, a biopic of the life of Wales' most famous poet, Dylan Thomas.

Not to be confused with Cornwall's surfing capital, New Quay is an unspoiled town at the heart of sheltered Cardigan Bay in west Wales.

Go fishing off the pretty stone pier, spot the local seals and dolphins, stroll around the harbour and the streets lined with pretty painted houses, dine in fantastic seafood restaurants, and hunt shrimps in the rock pools when the tide goes out.

BEST BEACH: Build a castle of golden sand on New Quay's award-winning central beach or take the breathtakingly beautiful coastal road round to the wide sandy beach and dunes at Penbryn or the beach at Mwnt, where you'll find a stunning little whitewashed church.

WHERE TO STAY: Ty Mawr Mansion, where the suites have been renamed in honour of guests Miller and Knightley, *www.tymawrmansion.co.uk*, or try cosy B&B, Craig Y Wig, where you can watch dolphins out of your bedroom window or take a guided sea bass fishing tour, *www.craig-y-wig.co.uk.*

ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

There are many reasons to visit Scotland — majestic castles, windswept beaches, dramatic landscapes, lively towns and outdoor sports — and St. Andrews on the east coast has them all.

First, there's the beautiful stretch of sandy beach where the Oscar-winning movie Chariots Of Fire was filmed, and then there's the castle, dramatically perched on a headland overlooking the sea.

The town is also famous for being the spiritual home of golf, with seven courses including The St. Andrews Royal And Ancient Golf Club which first met here in 1754. It's also home to Scotland's oldest university, founded in 1410 and boasting alumni including Prince William.

Lounge on the beach, visit the Botanic Gardens or the St. Andrews aquarium, or explore the Medieval centre of St. Andrews, with its narrow alleys and cobbled streets, the ruined cathedral and the church of St. Regulus whose tower offers an amazing view over the town.

BEST BEACH: West Sands

WHERE TO STAY: The Westport, a bar/restaurant with extremely reasonable rates. *www.thewestport.co.uk.*

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE

For an over-the-top English seaside experience, visit Blackpool, the UK's biggest seaside resort. What was once a booming resort now retains the most kitsch traditions of British seaside holidays. You'll find crazy golf, slot machines, sunburned tourists in Union Jack shorts, donkey rides on the beach, outdated comedy acts, the world's largest mirror ball, gallons of cheap warm beer, firework displays, and pairs of old ladies at the tea dance in the leisure complex under the Blackpool Tower.

There's a tram that snakes along the promenade, three piers, theatres, ferris wheels and a theme park that boasts some of the tallest and fastest roller coasters in the world.

The town that once boasted more hotel beds than Greece and Portugal combined draws hundreds of conferences, from International Beach Volleyball tournaments, Ballroom dancing contests, gatherings of magicians and annual political party conferences.

In the autumn, the town is lit up by the famous Blackpool Illuminations, a massive show of lights along the seafront.

BEST BEACH: Seven miles of flat sand stretch along the Fylde coast toward St. Chad's. Hop on the Big Dipper and you'll get a bird's eye view of the beach.

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Montreal's summer sizzle

City bursts with activity during warm months

Tourists heading to Montreal this summer will be joining race-car drivers, Hollywood stars, internationally renowned musicians and top tennis players as festival season bolsters the regular attractions in the world's second-largest French-speaking city.

There's plenty to see and do in Montreal year-round but the city bursts with activity in summer, with back-to-back festivals and top sports events.

Tourists can book hotels through *tourisme-montreal.org*, which offers a "Sweet Deal" package on centrally located hotels and discounts at attractions. Rates for a three-star hotel are as low as $129, and five stars go for about $199.

» A lot of the fun is environmentally friendly. The city is boasting an extra 15-kilometre bike path along downtown De Maisonneuve Boulevard, which has been added to the existing 330 kilometres of bike trails around Montreal. Cycling plays a big part in the Montreal Bike Fest, which runs May 25 to June 1.

» Four-wheeled transportation will also be a big part of Montreal's summer with finely tuned Formula One car engines roaring down the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve during the Canadian Grand Prix held June 6-8, followed in August by the NASCAR Busch Series race Aug. 1-2.

» For those preferring haute couture to spandex and racing helmets, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts will be showcasing a 40-year retrospective of the work of French fashion designer Yves St-Laurent from June 4 to Sept. 28.

» The rhythm changes on June 26 as hundreds of internationally known musicians are heard with the start of the 29th Montreal International Jazz Festival, which runs until July 6. Appearances include living legends Leonard Cohen, Woody Allen and Aretha Franklin.

» Laughter will drown out the music as the jazz festival winds down with the start of the Just for Laughs comedy festival, which has events throughout July but kicks into high gear between July 10 to 20. Among the stars coming to the comedy festival will be comedian and talk show host Craig Ferguson, standup Joan Rivers, Saturday Night Live alumnus Jimmy Fallon, actor Seth Rogan (Knocked Up) and the creators of South Park, Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

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Race-car drivers, musicians and clowns mix with tourists at the Montreal International Jazz Festival.

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» Tourism Montreal is whetting travellers' appetites for the city with a flashy video promoting the city on their newly redesigned website, *tourisme-montreal.org*.

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The Missoni family's penchant for colour is evident in the décor scheme of this hotel bathroom. The Hotel Missoni chain will launch its first properties early next year.

Luxury brand Missoni to launch hotel chain

Following in the footsteps of Italian fashion houses including Armani, Bulgari and Versace, Missoni, the label famous for its signature chevron-patterned knits, is to launch a chain of hotels.

In partnership with The Rezidor Hotel Group, Missoni's creative director Rosita Missoni, who developed Missoni's successful homeware label, is scheduled to oversee the launch of 10 properties by 2013 in both cities and resorts.

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Angry Austrians living near a Salzburg villa that once belonged to the Von Trapp family immortalized in the blockbuster hit movie The Sound Of Music are fighting plans to turn the home into a hotel.

Opponents have said the neighbourhood already is teeming with tourists drawn to the area where the 1965 film starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer was made.

Organizer Andreas Braunbruck told Austrian television that neighbours intend to fight the hotel plan "with all means at our disposal."

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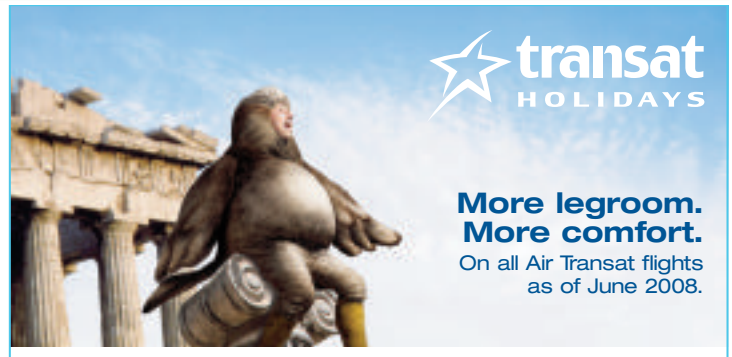

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Dads long for quality time

By RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Toronto

Many working dads talk about wanting to spend more time with their families, but how many actually trade in work hours for some quality time?

Findings from a recent Workopolis Dads in the Workplace Poll show that at least one-in-five fathers fear time away from home is making them miss out on some of their families' biggest moments.

On the other hand, 40 per cent of the dads surveyed also report being able to manage all home duties adequately compared to only 5 per cent of moms, suggesting that while many working dads not only forget to be home — they perhaps forget to help out at home, too.

"I think perhaps fathers do delude themselves into thinking there isn't as much to do at home, and I suspect it's an issue that sweeps across income areas," said Patrick Sullivan, president of the popular online job portal Workopolis that released the study. Sullivan suggests working dads sometimes forget how important time with the family is and neglect to make room for it.

"We all tend to spend more time working than we do with our families. You need to take that time for your family — it's important," he said.

Sullivan, 49, and himself a father of two, says past time he spent away from his family wasn't always worth it — despite how successful he has been.

"I really wasn't at home much for my children for a couple of years. I certainly look back now and regret that. I think if I had more balance in my life at that time, I don't think it would have adversely affected my career that much and it would have benefited my family greatly," Sullivan said.

Family time, just like business meetings and project deadlines, needs to be scheduled. Plan ahead for important events like recitals and give yourself reminders.

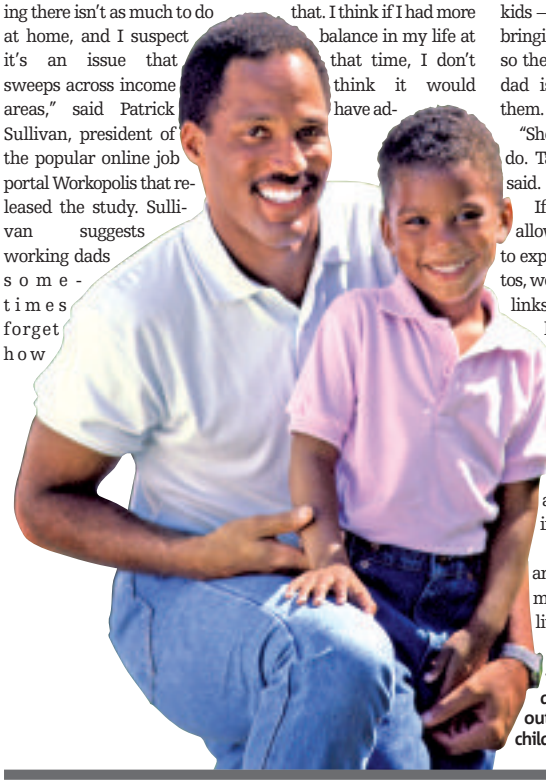
"Time management is important. Set alarms, don't turn on the TV right when you get home and be at the dinner table. All too often we as parents can neglect that special time," Sullivan said.

As for bonding with your kids — Sullivan recommends bringing them into the office so they can understand why dad is away providing for them.

"Show your kids what you do. Take them to work," he said.

If your workplace doesn't allow kids, find other ways to explain your job, be it photos, work examples or website links. Sullivan says in the long run, having been there for your family's most important moments will probably mean a lot more to you than the career successes you obtained a little faster by sacrificing those moments.

"My hope is that we are able to provide a little more balance in our lives," Sullivan said.



A new study indicates that many working dads feel they're missing out on their kids' childhood due to work.

Famous fatherly advice

» "When I was a teen, my dad kept saying to me, 'Don't take things for granted!' At the time I had no idea what that meant, but 12 years into my career as an actor/comedian, I find myself saying it all the time."
– Shaun Majumder, actor/comedian

» "Skate where the puck's going, not where it's been."
– Walter Gretzky's advice to his son, hockey star Wayne

» "Dad said having a law degree was the best tool that he ever had. So when law school was done, my obligation was over."
– E-Talk Daily host Ben Mulroney

» "My father always told me, have fun with what you do. The minute you stop having fun in your job, it is time to make a change!"
– Mark Cohon, CFL Commissioner

» "My father told me that the difficulty in business is never the choice between good and bad—any idiot can figure that out. The difficulty is the choice between good and good. The secret to real success in business and in life is taking the time to make the best choice."
– Rocco Rossi, CEO, Heart and Stroke Foundation

» "I can still remember my father's words to me as I left Ireland for Canada: We sent you to good schools ... taught you the difference between right and wrong ... provided you with every advantage. This will not be enough to make you a success. What will make you a success is your commitment to do more."
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brawl allegations

Court hears about Winehouse hubby

PEOPLE The husband of singer Amy Winehouse beat up a pub landlord and then offered him a bribe worth about $400,000 US to keep quiet about the attack, The Associated Press reports a prosecutor as having said yesterday.

Prosecution lawyer Sean Larkin said barman James King suffered a broken cheekbone in the 2006 barroom attack by Winehouse's spouse, Blake Fielder-Civil, and another man — but was willing to accept money to spare his attackers jail. King, 36, is on trial for conspiring to pervert the course of justice. He denies the charge.

music

MMVA wristbands up for grabs

AWARDS A limited number of wristbands are being given away to the hottest ticket in town on Sunday, the MuchMusic Video Awards.

Fans can go to 299 Queen St. W. at 11 a.m. tomorrow for a chance to obtain a wristband. Fans must answer a New Kids On The Block trivia question, and be at least 14. Photo ID is required. One wristband per person and fans must pick up their wristband in person.

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10. Mad Money

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»news In Brief

» **MUSIC** Coldplay has rearranged dates on its North American tour and will now play the Air Canada Centre on July 30. Tickets go on sale Saturday.

Summer of the anti-hero

Flawed characters find popularity on big screen

By **STEVE GOW**
for Metro Toronto

The Hulk, pictured here, is a classic example of a big screen anti-hero.

In the upcoming Incredible Hulk movie, Edward Norton utters a phrase that perhaps best epitomizes the big-screen superhero: "When I lose control, it's very dangerous to be around me."

No kidding! Anyone who unwittingly turns into a rampaging green monster when they're ticked off is definitely somebody I'd rather not sit across from at the euchre table. But, as a superhero, shouldn't we admire The Hulk's feats and noble qualities instead of fear him?

Well, not necessarily. When a character is reluctant, flawed or devoid of the attributes we associate with altruistic heroism, that character is called an anti-hero and there are few better examples than The Hulk. Whereas traditional heroes brave danger for the sake of others, the character of Bruce Banner merely copes with the gamma-radiation accident that reluctantly turned him into a monstrous rage.

While anti-heroes have been prevalent in cinema since the days of pulp fiction (think Sam Spade in The Maltese Falcon), they only continue to increase in popularity. Many critics argue that this advancing popularity is hinged on a cynical recognition that people find naturally-flawed characters more believable.

This summer surely vindicates that notion. In addition to the Incredible Hulk, such movies as Wanted, Hellboy 2, Death Race and even Indiana Jones are relying on the anti-heroic traits of their lead characters to attract audiences.

It began with Iron Man, a superhero whose alter-ego is fraught with human frailties. A loner who drinks, smokes and womanizes; by comparison, he makes Superman look like a Quaker.

Vengeance is often an attribute of anti-heroism. This summer, it's best represented with The Dark Knight. Not only does that film feature the vigilante justice of Batman but it introduces an even more dubious anti-hero in Harvey Two-Face (Aaron Eckhart), a district attorney who transforms into a savage killer. Two-Face is the consummate anti-hero in that, being on the side of justice, he only kills the bad dudes — a morally complex question to be sure.

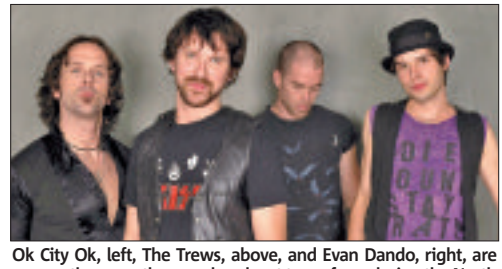
Then there is Will Smith. In his new action-comedy Hancock, he simply plays a hard-drinking superhero that's described as "edgy, conflicted, sarcastic, and misunderstood"; he even seems to get jiggy by threatening little kids.

While these characteristics aren't admirable, we still empathize with anti-heroes because they represent our own flaws and thereby embody the promise that we too can overcome our frailties for the greater good. As for me, well, I'm just relieved my central frailty doesn't happen to be a bad attitude and green skin.

North By Northeast blankets Toronto

500 bands in town for music and film festival

By **IAN NATHANSON**
for Metro Toronto



Ok City Ok, left, The Trews, above, and Evan Dando, right, are among the more than 500 bands set to perform during the North By Northeast Music And Film Festival & Conference, which runs across the city through June 15. More details at *nxne.com*.

"Welcome to Toronto, Live Music Capital of North America!"

Bold proclamation? Not according to the organizers of the 14th annual North By Northeast (NXNE) Music And Film Festival & Conference. In fact, the proclamation has been attached to a live music series underway at Pearson International Airport's Terminals 1 and 3, one of several new ventures to better promote this year's festival, running tomorrow through Sunday.

"It's partly an idea that we took from South By Southwest (SXSW), our sister event in Austin, Texas," NXNE managing director Andy McLean explains. "When you get off the plane there, you see a sign that says, 'Welcome to the music capital of the world.'

"Now we always thought that Toronto is an amazing music city. So we managed to get the Greater Toronto Airport Authority involved to support us in declaring Toronto the live music capital of North America and have some performances for people to see when they arrive at Pearson. It should become immediate apparent to all that there's a festival taking place."

All told, the airport gigs are a perfect introduction to the four days whereby more than 500 performers worldwide — some jetting in from as far as Australia, Japan, India, Brazil and Colombia — will play at 50 venues throughout downtown Toronto.

Names vary from the familiar (Sloan, The Trews, Bedouin Soundclash, The New Odds, Evan Dando, Money Mark, Redd Kross) to the worth-a-glimpse (India's Menwhopause, Japan's Ok City Ok, Cape Bretoner's The Tom Fun Orchestra, Toronto's D-Sisive, Vancouver's The Real McKenzies).

"When we created this festival back in 1995, there was no MySpace or YouTube to help independent bands get new fans or create media exposure," McLean says. "The whole idea is to experience the festival and try to take in as many new bands as possible. It's a lot about discovery."

Along with the live showcases, trade shows and conferences (including a celebrity interview with '80s hitmaker Thomas Dolby), there is also the ever-growing film festival component, highlighting music-related movies such as Global Metal (a sequel to Metal: A Headbanger's Journey) and The Last Pogo (scenes from a late 1978 riotous punk concert at the Horseshoe). Bruce McDonald will also be filming at several locales for a sequel to his '96 flick, Hard Core Logo.

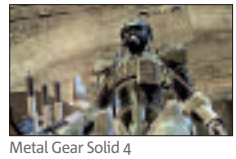
Tickets for individual shows are available. Additionally, wristbands and passes ranging from $19 for one-day users to $249 for a VIP Super Pass (which allows festival-goers to pre-book up to 10 showcases) can be purchased. Check out *nxne.com* for complete schedules.

Good enough to make you cry

By JONATHAN P. KUEHLEIN
Metro Toronto

Ken Imaizumi knew after all the long hours he and hundreds of others had worked on making Metal Gear Solid 4 something special had paid off when they made a woman cry. The veteran video game producer said he knew because the woman in question was from the Japanese ratings board.

"She watches the videos for all the new games — up to 5,000 games a year — and when she watched the video of this game, and she got to the end, she cried," Imaizumi told Metro at a Konami preview event recently in San Francisco.


Metal Gear Solid 4

"She said: 'This is not just a game.'" This emotion-packed stealth/action game, the latest in a franchise that has sold more than 20 million units over the last decade and a half, hits the streets exclusively for PlayStation 3 tomorrow and assistant producer Ryan Payton definitely agrees the creators have come up with something special.

"It's not your normal game," Payton said. "There are so many elements, layers and layers of complexity and jokes and story. It was really an epic development experience and it's an epic game playing experience as well."

As for what fans can expect from MGS4, the producer said, simply, the end.

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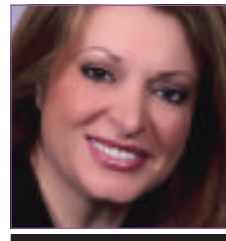
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Fox buys rights to Mosque

IDIOT BOX
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REACH FOR THE TOP: There were high-fives all around at the CBC this week with the announcement that 20th Century Fox Television had bought U.S. rights for an adaptation of Little Mosque On The Prairie. There had, apparently, been interest in the show south of the border for some time before Fox and Westwind Pictures announced the deal at Banff's World Television Festival, and the Canadian producer had been negotiating with Fox before the Hollywood writers' strike forced them to take a temporary break.

According to a Hollywood Reporter story, the deal doesn't preclude the original Canadian version from being aired stateside, and Westwind's Mary Darling, executive producer of the CBC version, said they were pleased with the deal.

"Fox got the creative vision of the show, that it has to be funny while it treads sensitively on certain Muslim issues," Darling told the Hollywood Reporter.

I'm aware that Canadians — and especially Canadian media executives — are programmed to say things like this, but here's where I really start to worry. Treading sensitively might sound like a prudent course for a politician, but it's a sure recipe for bad comedy, and I'd like to hope that whoever ends up making Fox's version of Little Mosque — no writer has been attached to the show, yet — will not tread lightly around any issues, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, Jain, Hindu or Zoroastrian.

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Little Mosque On The Prairie cast, from left: Zaib Shaikh (Amaar), Sitara Hewitt (Rayyan), Carlo Rota (Yasir), Sheila McCarthy (Sarah) and Manoj Sood (Baber).

I am not a fan of the CBC show, not because of its subject matter or setting, but because it's simply dire comedy, limp, lifeless, ba-dump-dump comic set-up and delivery that feels dated, and manages to channel the stalest essence of three-camera, laugh-track sitcoms in a single-camera, laugh-track-free setting — an unrewarding sleight-of-hand that Canadian comedy is too fond of replicating.

The best comedy is cruel and irreverent, and Fox, for all its many flaws (Family Guy, I'm looking at you) is aware of this irrevocable comic law. Anyone hoping to make a comedy that "treads sensitively" would have to either be a fool — or a Canadian.

Canadians like to flatter themselves that we're a funny people; we're funny, all right, but in all the wrong ways, I'm sorry to say.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 6/11/08	265	353	2	TVO	Hammerhead		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Canterbury Tales		The View From Here (N)		Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Office	Name Is Earl	Burn Up (2008, Drama) Neve Campbell.				News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere II	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	Coronation St.	22 Minutes	Little Mosque	Sophie (HDTV)	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Make Me a Supermodel		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Men in Trees (N)		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	So You Think You Can Dance (N)				CSI: NY (HDTV)		News (N)
	218	345	11	CH	The Insider (N)	E! News	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N)			Celebrity Circus (Series Premiere) (N)			News (N)
	137	763	13	TFO	Panorama	Visages	L'Enfer de Martin		Les Climats ★★★ (2006, Drame) Ebru Ceylan, Nazan Kirilmis.				Laurie Henri
	-	-	14	-	Law & Order: SVU		News (N)		News (N)		King	King	Cold Case
	213	326	15	SUN	Scrubs	George Lopez	World's Most Amazing Videos		Toronto Jams		To Serve and Protect		Grill Rm.
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Price Is Right Spectacular		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: NY (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N)			Celebrity Circus (Series Premiere) (N)			News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap		Supernanny		Men in Trees (N)		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Wheel-Fortune	Degrassi: Next	Wife Swap		Supernanny		Law & Order		News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy	Two/Half Men	So You Think You Can Dance (N)				Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	Vicar of Dibley	Seeing in the Dark (HDTV)		Cleveland Orchestra in Performance: Bruckner			Smitten	Business Rpt.
	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model		Farmer Wants a Wife (N)		CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil		News (N)	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers
	298	653	332	TLA	Reba	Reba	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Next Model
news	502	390	26	NW	News (N)	Newman	The Hour		CBC News: The National		The Ultimate Bear		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		American Greed		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Comerica Park in Detroit. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN	Soccer UEFA Euro 2008 -- Czech Republic vs. Portugal.				Soccer UEFA Euro 2008 -- Switzerland vs. Turkey.				SportsCentre
	411	457	58	OLN	Exploration	Videos	Ed's Up	Angry Planet	The Rig: Oil	Man's Work	Word Travels	Globe Guides	Pilot Guides
	417	406	81	SC	Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	Unique Whips		Pinks (HDTV)	Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	Pass Time	Pinks (HDTV)
family	551	542	25	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	George-Jungle	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III (1992)		
	556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Smart Cookies	Stuck	Maxed Out	Style by Jury	Stuck
	570	580	29	MM	Gone Wild	Gone Wild	2008 MMVA's Sneak Peek		The Shift		PunchMuch		MMVA Sneak
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Game Over"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Killer Date"		CSI: Miami
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	I Misteri di Cascina Vianello (Italian).				The Sopranos (SS)		Raymond
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	575	583	38	CMT	CMT30	Totally	Cheerleader Nation		Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	Roseanne	CMT, Awards
	616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Da Vinci's Inquest		Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Life (HDTV Part 2 of 2)		House
	620	523	40	BVO	Literature Alive	Arts & Minds	Wingfield	Camera	Mad Men		Entourage	Bravonews	Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	X-Weighted (N)		How to Find a Husband (N)		Trading Spouses		X-Weighted
	522	506	43	HIS	NCIS "UnSEALed"		Re-Inventors	Urban Legends	Working Over Time		NCIS "UnSEALed"		Crime Stories
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black	Comedy Inc.	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Buy Me	Hid Potential	House Worth?	Property Virgin	Big City Broker	Unsellable	Buy Me	Open House
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Trapped ★★ (2002, Crime Drama) Charlize Theron.				Cheers	Seinfeld	Friends
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park	The Boot	Thank-Mama	Access	Iron Ring		Comicview		The Boot
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Supernatural (HDTV)		Stargate SG-1
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV e2	Cribs	4REAL	MTV e2	The Real World		The Real World		MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	TV Made, Do It	TV Made, Do It	ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Family Guy
	603	561	56	FOOD	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Dinner Imposs.	Glutton-Punish.	Challenge
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Sorry!	No Place Like	Jeeves and Wooster		Rabbit Fall	Get-Famously	Side Effects
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	Design	In Fashion	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk
	553	546	65	TRE	Wonder Pets	Nght Grdn	Wiggle-Learn	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears
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	126	730	102	RDI	Dominique Poirier en direct		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		Le Club des ex	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	CLT	The West Wing		Imperium: The Rise and Fall of an Empire Rome.				Traders		The West Wing
	300	601	301	M1	(7:15) Alex Rider: Operation Stormbreaker ★★ (2006)				Spider-Man 3 ★★ (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst.				
	305	612	306	PIX	(7:15) Habitat ★★ (1997, Science Fiction) Balthazar Getty.				Rosemary's Baby ★★★ (1968, Horror) Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes.				

critics'corner

Rent-A-Goalie
"Old Yeller," anyone? Maybe shooting Joey (Joe Pingue) isn't necessary, but he is convinced he has rabies after being bitten by one of his fighting squirrels. He locks himself in a room, it's up to his wife and Cake (Michelle Nolden, Christopher Bolton) to get him out. And the chomping squirrel continues to be on the loose, sending more people to Doc's (Matt Gordon) office. 9:30 PM on SHO

Corner Gas
Hank (Fred Ewanuick) is psychic?? Apparently. When his vague dreams seem to predict the future, he's sure he's got a gift. Wanda and Brent (Nancy Robertson, Brent Butt) laugh it off, but one of them stops giggling when a prediction comes true. Lacey and Oscar (Gabrielle Miller, Eric Peterson) team up to fix a pothole in "Key to the Future." 11:30 AM on COM

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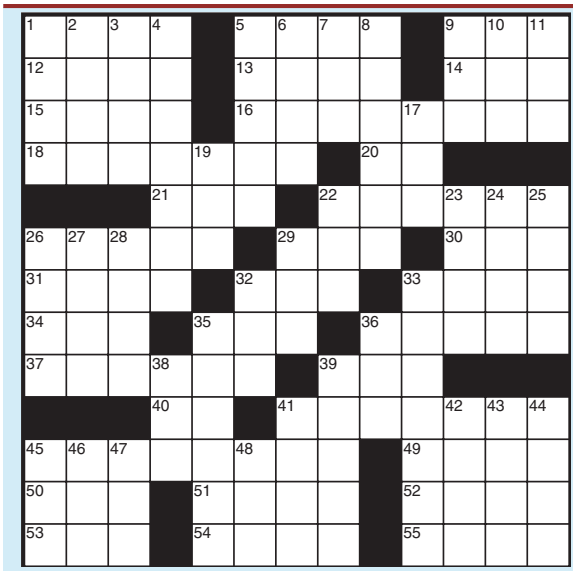

down »

1 Use a blowtorch
2 Fat cat's friend
3 Gangplank
4 Make able
5 Like zoo animals
6 Singer Tori —
7 Be idle
8 More nervous
9 Twice DI
10 Prince Valiant's eldest
11 Tattered cloth
17 — man out
19 Heavy-hearted
22 Hockey player's protection
23 1960s hairdo
24 Bold look
25 Recognized
26 Music notation
27 Verdi opus
28 Ballard and Moss
29 Blue-gray bird
32 Watchdog's warning
33 Hinders
35 Building material
36 Large amount
38 Brokaw of the news
39 Houseflies, to humans
41 Getz or Mikita
42 Mitchell mansion
43 Not super
44 Gym iterations
45 Took food
46 Feeling of intense anger
47 Spotlight covering
48 Once called

across »

1 Had on
5 Soft-drink buy
9 Damage
12 Party-tray cheese
13 During
14 Rollover subj.
15 Wilted
16 Made a start (2 wds.)
18 Overthrows
20 Psyche component
21 Bankroll
22 Foot levers
26 Hardened
29 Bump hard
30 Rate
31 Yarn spinner
32 Flit about
33 Orchard unit
34 Ben & Jerry rival
35 Utter loudly
36 Sticker
37 More rapidly
39 Bam!
40 Lama's chant
41 One of 100
45 Imaginary fruit?
49 Do a fall chore
50 Previous
51 Without the ice
52 Bushwhack
53 PC key
54 Playing cards
55 Answers

previous answer

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You'll get a lucky strike. Keep your wits about you. Don't give in to unappreciative people's whims.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
The best way to kill time is to keep busy. Clearing of obstacles improves your state of affairs. Confusion will force you to be gracious.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
A polite guy will improve your mood. Be respectful with someone who is in love. Someone who is ill requires funds.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Something ends as something else begins. A friend will find a reason to be cheerful. Do all that you can to make up with a man.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Take a break despite opposition. Don't get involved in a heated discussion. A joker needs to get himself a life.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Big news reveals much about someone's dishonesty. Be sincere when asked about a bad character. A relative will become a guest.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A skilled person causes surprised laughter. A debate with a lazy person gets sticky. You're vexed over a grievance.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A tough task looms ahead. A spat with a buddy isn't over yet. Motivate others with your enthusiasm.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
An amusing visitor will put you in a tacky situation. A tireless friend will fix a problem. Work isn't the place for unusual treats.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Someone will give in after a standoff. A friend changes your feelings about a love match. Challenge authority with a new attitude.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A stumbling block becomes a laughing matter. Hopefulness works well for you. Ignore complaints made about a friend.

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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Low: 11.5°

Records
High: 33.3°/1949
Low: 0.6°/1972

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Baby girl for Spelling

Tori Spelling and husband Dean McDermott welcomed their second child, a daughter, on Monday, People.com has confirmed. Stella Doreen McDermott was born at 3:13 p.m. in a Los Angeles hospital via C-section. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19¾ inches long, a rep for Spelling says.

The couple also have a one-year-old son, Liam Aaron. McDermott, 41, has a son, Jack, 9, from a previous marriage.

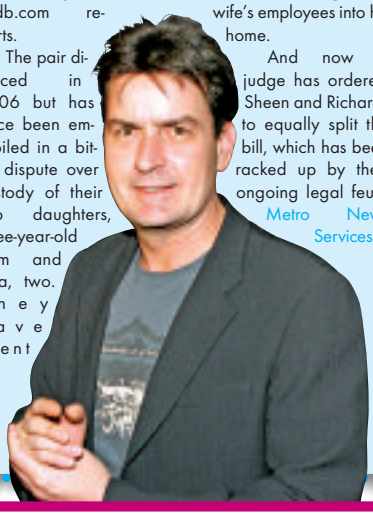
Spelling, 35, revealed she was expecting a girl in March. Metro News Services

Sheen, Richards split court costs

Charlie Sheen and his ex-wife Denise Richards have been ordered to split $150,000 in attorney's fees relating to their ongoing custody battle, imdb.com reports.

The pair divorced in 2006 but has since been embroiled in a bitter dispute over custody of their two daughters, three-year-old Sam and Lola, two. They have spent months in court battling over the amount of time Sheen has with his children and his right to choose the nannies for their kids — rather than allowing his ex-wife's employees into his home.

And now a judge has ordered Sheen and Richards to equally split the bill, which has been racked up by their ongoing legal feud. Metro News Services



Theron blasts 'sad' celebrities

Oscar winner Charlize Theron has blasted celebrities who constantly court media attention — branding their attitude "ugly," imdb.com reports.

The actress is sick of fame-obsessed stars, insisting she finds it "sad" to see people strive to be paparazzi fodder. She tells Britain's GQ magazine: "It comes across as this really sad need for approval. I've heard people make comments like, 'You don't really want to be in the tabloids but you need to be for your career.' They believe it's actually important. It's not. It's ugly." Metro News Services

Bale best dressed

Christian Bale has been named as one of the best dressed men in the world, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Dark Knight actor has been recognized for his love of sharp suits in a new style list by men's magazine Esquire. Grammy-award winning U.S. rapper Lupe Fiasco and Cameron Diaz's rumoured ex-boyfriend, environmentalist David Mayer de Rothschild, also joined Bale in the top 10.

Esquire fashion director Catherine Hayward said: "Powerful men know how to dress themselves and often stick to a uniform. Each of the men in our list has given a teasing twist to traditional tailoring and made the look entirely their own." Metro News Services

Diet made Hathaway cry

Anne Hathaway had to endure a gruelling diet to slim down for her role in The Devil Wears Prada – insisting she and co-star Emily Blunt would "cry because they were so hungry," imdb.com reports.

Hathaway plays a journalist who lands her first job at a high-profile fashion magazine – and her character is forced to slim down to fit in with her image-obsessed colleagues.

And the actress insists that although she is naturally thin, she still had a lot of weight to lose – and the constant dieting was a real struggle.

She says, "I was thin for my height. I was basically stuck with fruit, vegetables and fish. I wouldn't recommend that.

"Emily Blunt and I would clutch at each other and cry because we were so hungry."

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Miller's keepsake pyjamas

Sienna Miller has opened up about remembering her late Casanova co-star Heath Ledger, who died in January, usmagazine.com reports.

"Heath and I had this amazing night out in Venice with my mother," Miller told Britain's Telegraph Magazine. "It had been pouring with rain. Heath ran out in the middle of St. Mark's square and we were running around, and I slipped over."

Miller continued, "We all ran back to his (apartment) and he gave me these dry pyjamas to get home in," Miller said. Two years later, Miller returned the pyjamas to Ledger. "When he came over to my house last November, and he was having trouble sleeping, I gave them back, to help him sleep," she said.

But after he died, "I was so sad that I didn't have these stupid pyjamas anymore, so his father found them to give to me," Miller revealed.

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Rupert apologizes

Outspoken actor Rupert Everett has apologized to British servicemen for branding them "whining wimps" – insisting his comments were "flippant and irresponsible," imdb.com reports.

The Stardust actor, whose own father was a major in the British Army, made the controversial comments in a documentary filmed for the U.K.'s Channel 4 about 19th-century soldier Sir Richard Burton.

The star compared modern day soldiers to old-fashioned recruits, insisting British fighters in Iraq and Afghanistan constantly "whine" about facing the risk of death.

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Simpson launches lingerie line

Look out Victoria's Secret, Jessica Simpson is adding lingerie designer to her lengthy resumé, People.com reports.

The singer already has successful handbag, shoe, sunglass and swimsuit lines, and now Jessica Simpson's Intimates will be joining her namesake empire. Jessica tells Women's Wear Daily, "I like different lingerie for different occasions. I think that's the best thing about it. You can feel sexy or girly depending on your mood."

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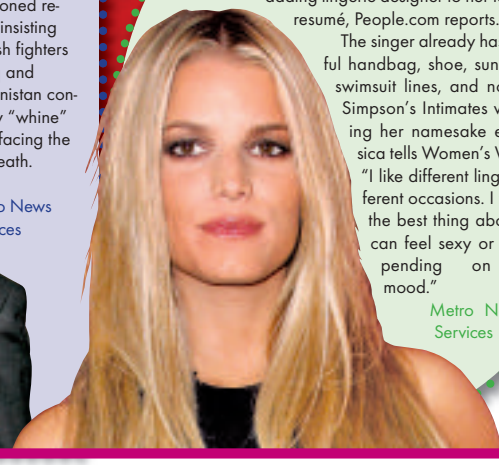

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